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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AN OPTICAL SCANNING APPARATUS AND
AN IMAGE FORMING METHOD

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

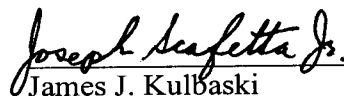
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SIR:

The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included on page 3 of the Notice of Allowability dated April 15, 2009 characterizes the invention in terms of elements of an apparatus and does not mention any method steps. Therefore, the "Statement" mischaracterizes the invention in unduly narrow terms inconsistent with the actual claim language. Accordingly, the "Statement" is limited to claims 1-23 and 41-56 which cover the apparatus and does not relate to method claims 24-40.

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